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SUBJECT: GREEK CYPRIOT REACTION APRIL 23-25 TO ANNOUNCEMENT OF  
ARMS SUPPLIES TO TURKEY

REF: NICOSIA 1092 (DTG 221558Z APR 77)

1. GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS HAS CONTINUED TO REPORT PROMINENTLY  
PRESIDENT CARTER'S DECISION ON SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY.  
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NEWS TREATMENT WAS MORE STRIDENT, LESS CAUTIOUS, MORE CRITICAL  
OF U.S. THAN IN EARLIER STORIES (REFTEL). MOST PAPERS REPRINTED  
ATHENS NEWS AGENCY REPORTS FROM U.S. EMPHASIZING GREEK-AMERICANS'  
DISAPPOINTMENT IN ADMINISTRATION WHICH THEY HAD SUPPORTED IN  
ELECTIONS, AND DETERMINATION TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR OPPOSITION  
UNTIL MEASURE HAS BEEN DEFEATED IN CONGRESS. SPECULATIVE NEWS  
STORIES CLAIM THAT PRESIDENTIAL SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE CLIFFORD

IN HIS HASTE TO SOLVE CYPRUS PROBLEM WAS HOODWINKED BY "KISSINGER REMNANTS IN PENTAGON" INTO SUPPORTING SECURITY ASSISTANCE FOR TURKEY; HE IN TURN IN HIS REPORT MISLED PRESIDENT CARTER INTO INCORRECT POLICY WHICH WILL DESTROY PRESIDENT'S INTERNATIONAL CREDIBILITY.

2. EDITORIAL REACTION HAS BEEN INCREASINGLY CRITICAL, ALTHOUGH SEMI-OFFICIAL PHILELEFTHEROS APR 23 AND PRO-MAKARIOS WEEKLY KYPROS APR 25 HAVE CONTINUED TO CAUTION AGAINST RASH JUDGMENTS, AND RECOMMENDED A WAIT-AND-SEE ATTITUDE UNTIL PRESENTLY UNCLEAR U.S. POLICY CAN BE COMPLETELY UNDERSTOOD. COMMUNIST AND PRO-LYSSARIDES LEFTIST PRESS HAS CLAIMED ITS EARLIER MISGIVINGS ABOUT PRESIDENT CARTER AND AMERICAN INTENTIONS ON CYPRUS ARE NOW COMPLETELY VINDICATED BY CYNICAL POLICY OF AN ADMINISTRATION MORE PRO-TURKISH THAN THAT OF FOR AND KISSINGER. CONSERVATIVE AGHON AND PRO-CLERIDES ALITHIA REGISTERED "DISAPPOINTMENT" WITH PRESIDENT'S POLICY ON SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY; ALITHIA REJECTED LOGIC OF USG POLICY AS UNTENABLE, UNCONVINCING AND CONCLUDED TURKISH INTRANSIGENCE WILL BE ENCOURAGED. RUNNING ACROSS SPECTRUM OF GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS WERE EDITORIALS PRAISING GREEK-AMERICANS FOR THEIR ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF CYPRUS.  
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